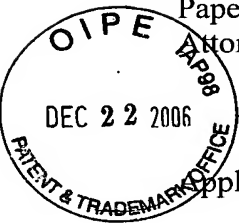


Application No. 10/530,509
Response to Office Action dated August 18, 2006
Paper dated December 18, 2006
Attorney Docket No. 1107-050938



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/530,509
Applicant : Christian Baccelli et al.
Filed : April 6, 2005
Title : PLATE FIXING SYSTEM
Art Unit : 3733 Confirmation No. : 4953
Examiner : Tara R. George Customer No. : 28289

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2006, Applicants submit the following. A one-month Petition for an Extension of Time, extending the deadline for response until December 18, 2006, is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendment to the Abstract begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

				Small Entity	
				Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Total Claims				50	25
Extra Claims				200	100
Fee (\$)				360	180
Fee Paid (\$)					
Indep. Claims					
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Fee (\$)					
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